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IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting. The lowa Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) Council met at Camp Dodge on August 4, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brian Gardner, Linn County Sheriff. The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Waivers. The Council granted waivers relating to individuals with the Pottawattamie County Sheriff's Office and the Merrill Police Department.

Less Lethal Electronic Devices. Assistant Director Kim Wadding discussed the fact that the ILEA does not currently have a master taser instructor on staff and has been relying on Taser International to provide instructors. However, that will be changing in the next month as an individual on staff will be certified as master and will be able to certify other instructors.

Medical Training Partnership with the National Guard. There are 21 National Guard Medical Simulation Training Centers worldwide, with one of these at Camp Dodge. These include high fidelity mannequins that provide realistic training conditions. Additionally, lighting, smoke, and sound can be activated in the Center to simulate real-world situations. The ILEA will be utilizing this training with the National Guard beginning with the next basic classes. The Guard is also opening up the training center to law enforcement departments within the state.

Director Report. Director Judy Bradshaw reported on several items:

- The 270th and 271st basic classes will have approximately 40 students in each class.
- General Tim Orr will be present at the October 6, 2016, ILEA Council meeting to discuss the
 possibility of shared facilities. Director Bradshaw has been meeting with several different agencies
 including the Governor's Office, Department of Management, Homeland Security and Emergency
 Management Department, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Public Safety, and
 Department of Administrative Services to discuss issues with the ILEA building. A needs assessment
 meeting will be held prior to making a draft report available in December.
- The air quality was tested during the last week of July, and the mold levels had decreased from 300 to 100. The level of 100 was considered acceptable at this point. Ceiling tiles at various points in the building have been removed to help with the flow of air. All of the dorm rooms have been cleaned, as well as the closets, to remove mold. At this time there is no need to relocate any of the Academy students. The next air quality test will be in December, and it is hoped that lower humidity levels at that time of year will help with the test results.
- Staff continues to work on the changes needed to ILEA Administrative Rule <u>501.2.1</u> after the passage of <u>HF 2267</u>, which allows cities to eliminate state residency requirements for civil service employees. ILEA rules require lowa police officers to have an lowa driver's license. The rule changes will also impact reserve officers.
- A consultant has been hired to conduct a curriculum review, and the consultant's contract is being refined. Requests of law enforcement associations to contribute funding for this effort have been made. The ILEA will be spending \$5,000 towards this effort.
- There are several excellent candidates for an open Public Service Executive I position. It has been difficult to fill a Psychologist II position due to a current requirement for a doctorate degree (PhD) and a lower pay range that does not support this requirement. Director Bradshaw will be exploring the option of contracting out for this position. The interview process will begin in August for a Law Enforcement Instructor Position for human trafficking and domestic abuse.

Next Meeting. The next Council meeting will be October 6, 2016, at the ILEA building at Camp Dodge.

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